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Attached is a notice of proposed rulemaking that amends the current "qualified thrift lender" test of the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), as required by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA).

The statutory amendments to the qualified thrift lender test take effect on July 1, 1991; comments in response to the proposal must be received within 30 days of its publication in the *Federal Register*. A final rule will be issued after consideration of the comments received.

Beginning July 1, 1991, all savings associations must comply with the new qualified thrift lender test imposed by FIRREA. Principally, the new test redefines both the numerator

and denominator of the qualified thrift lender ratio and increases the required percentage of assets that a savings association must maintain in qualifying investments.

Because FIRREA made such fundamental changes to the qualified thrift lender test, the proposed rule may significantly alter the operations of savings associations. Consequently, OTS requests comments from all interested parties.

The proposal is published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 56, No. 81, pp. 19318-19326. Comments received by OTS will be available for public inspection at 1776 G Street, N.W., Lobby Level.

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Attachment